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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Maryland Electricians Act of 2020**~~

3 ~~**Department of Labor – Electricians – State Licensing Workgroup**~~

4 ~~FOR the purpose of altering the composition, powers, and duties of the State Board of~~  
5 ~~Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to~~  
6 ~~the State Board of Electricians; establishing a low-voltage electrician license as a~~  
7 ~~State license to be awarded to qualifying electricians; requiring the Maryland~~  
8 ~~Department of Labor to adopt regulations to establish the education requirements~~  
9 ~~and qualifications for a State apprentice electrician license and a State registered~~  
10 ~~apprentice electrician license; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local~~  
11 ~~jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses under certain circumstances; authorizing~~  
12 ~~local jurisdictions that issued certain licenses before a certain date to continue to~~  
13 ~~issue the licenses under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain local~~  
14 ~~jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from licensing a master-level or~~  
15 ~~journey-person level electrician unless it applies for and receives authorization from~~  
16 ~~the State Board; requiring the Department to adopt guidelines to govern a certain~~  
17 ~~authorization process; requiring certain local jurisdictions to report certain~~  
18 ~~information to the Department on or before a certain date each year; allowing a local~~  
19 ~~jurisdiction to take certain actions against certain licensees under certain~~  
20 ~~circumstances; requiring certain local jurisdictions to administer a certain~~  
21 ~~examination in a certain manner; requiring each county and each municipal~~  
22 ~~corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt certain regulations or~~  
23 ~~require certain State licenses under certain circumstances; altering certain licensing~~  
24 ~~and examination requirements; authorizing a local board to apply to be a certain~~  
25 ~~testing service; altering a certain provision of law stating that certain provisions of~~

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~law do not require certain individuals to hold a State license to refer to “low-voltage electricians” rather than a “master electrician”; altering certain reciprocity requirements for certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other states; establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the State Board to waive certain examination requirements and certain experience requirements for certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which the State Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to set certain fees; providing for the construction of a certain provision of law; requiring a master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner; requiring a licensee to give the State Board certain notice of a change in certain information; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to each local board in the State; altering, adding, and repealing certain defined terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the State Board of Electricians and the licensing and regulation of electricians~~  
FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to convene a workgroup to study certain issues regarding the provision of electrical services and low-voltage electrical services in the State; requiring a certain workgroup to include certain representatives; requiring the Department to provide certain notice of certain meetings to certain persons and consider the comments of certain stakeholders; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup on the provision of electrical services and low-voltage electrical services in the State.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article — Business Occupations and Professions~~

~~Section 6-101 through 6-103; 6-201, 6-202(a), (c)(1), (d), (e), and (h)(2), and 6-205 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. State Board of Electricians”; and 6-301, 6-302 through 6-306, 6-306.1, 6-307, 6-308, 6-310(e)(4) and (e), 6-311(b)(2) and (3), (c), and (d)(1), 6-312, 6-315, 6-316, 6-319(e) and (d)(1), 6-321(a)(2) and (b), 6-401, 6-601, 6-602, 6-603, 6-604(a) and (b), and 6-701~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article — Business Occupations and Professions~~

~~Section 6-104, 6-307.1, and 6-605 through 6-608~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing~~

~~Article — Business Occupations and Professions~~

~~Section 6-605~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)~~

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

3 (a) The Maryland Department of Labor shall convene a workgroup to study and  
4 make recommendations on the following issues regarding the provision of electrical services  
5 and low-voltage electrical services in the State:

6 (1) the licensing of master, journeyperson, and apprentice electricians by  
7 the State Board of Master Electricians, including uniform education, experience, and  
8 examination requirements;

9 (2) the licensing, regulation, and qualifications for individuals who provide  
10 low-voltage electrical services in the State, including exempting individuals who work with  
11 residential integrators on low-voltage technology systems, if necessary;

12 (3) the role of local governments in the licensing and code enforcement of  
13 and pulling of permits by electricians and individuals who provide low-voltage electrical  
14 services;

15 (4) the adoption of the National Electric Code across all jurisdictions in the  
16 State;

17 (5) an examination of the costs and benefits of adopting the licensing  
18 scheme proposed in Senate Bill 994 and House Bill 1127 of 2020; and

19 (6) any other relevant issues as determined by the Department.

20 (c) The workgroup shall include:

21 (1) a representative of the State Board of Master Electricians;

22 (2) representatives from electrician licensing authorities in local  
23 governments;

24 (3) State licensed electricians and locally licensed electricians with varying  
25 years of experience;

26 (4) an electrical inspector;

27 (5) low-voltage electricians;

28 (6) a representative from the solar photovoltaic technology industry;

29 (7) a representative of a labor organization that represents licensed  
30 electricians; and

1           (8)    any other stakeholders as determined by the Department.

2           (d)    The Maryland Department of Labor shall:

3                   (1)   provide notice of each meeting of the workgroup to each person who  
4 provided written or oral testimony to a committee of the General Assembly for a hearing  
5 on either SB 994 or HB 1127 during the 2020 legislative session; and

6                   (2)   consider comments from interested stakeholders in developing any  
7 recommendations.

8           (e)    On or before December 1, 2020, the Maryland Department of Labor shall, in  
9 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the Senate  
10 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic  
11 Matters Committee on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup convened under  
12 subsection (a) of this section.

13                   ~~Article – Business Occupations and Professions~~

14   ~~6-101.~~

15           (a)    ~~In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

16                   (b)    (1)   ~~“Assignment of local license” means any procedure by which a licensee~~  
17 ~~grants to another person a right to use a local license to enable that person to engage in the~~  
18 ~~business of providing electrical services.~~

19                   (2)    ~~“Assignment of local license” includes any procedure by which:~~

20                           (i)    ~~a licensee agrees to be the representative of another person; and~~

21                           (ii)   ~~by virtue of that agreement, the other person is authorized to~~  
22 ~~engage in the business of providing electrical services.~~

23                   (c)    ~~“Engage in the business of providing electrical services” means to engage in~~  
24 ~~providing electrical services for compensation.~~

25                   (d)    (1)   ~~“License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued~~  
26 ~~by the State Board or a local jurisdiction to provide OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING electrical~~  
27 ~~services.~~

28                           (2)    ~~“LICENSE” INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES~~  
29 ~~OTHERWISE:~~

30                           (i)    ~~A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND~~

1                   ~~(H) A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.~~

2                   ~~(E) "LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN" MEANS, UNLESS THE~~  
3 ~~CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE~~  
4 ~~BOARD OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING~~  
5 ~~ELECTRICAL SERVICES.~~

6                   ~~(F) "LICENSED LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN" MEANS, UNLESS THE~~  
7 ~~CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE~~  
8 ~~BOARD OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL~~  
9 ~~SERVICES.~~

10                  ~~[(e)] (G) "Licensed master electrician" means, unless the context requires~~  
11 ~~otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the State Board or a local jurisdiction to~~  
12 ~~provide electrical services.~~

13                  ~~[(f)] (H) "Local board" means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates~~  
14 ~~to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.~~

15                  ~~[(g)] (I) "Local license" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license~~  
16 ~~that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services as a master electrician.~~

17                  ~~(J) "LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THE~~  
18 ~~EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL TO PROVIDE LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL~~  
19 ~~SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE PLANS,~~  
20 ~~SPECIFICATIONS, CODES, OR LAW.~~

21                  ~~[(h)] (K) "Master electrician" means an individual who has the experience,~~  
22 ~~knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade, in a~~  
23 ~~manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law.~~

24                  ~~[(i)] (L) (1) "Provide electrical services" means to provide any service in the~~  
25 ~~electrical trade.~~

26                                  ~~(2) "Provide electrical services" includes installing, repairing,~~  
27 ~~MAINTAINING, ERECTING, or altering any electrical EQUIPMENT, wiring, fixture,~~  
28 ~~appliance, apparatus, raceway, [or] conduit, OR SYSTEM that:~~

29    ~~(i) generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any~~  
30 ~~form for light, heat, power, or communication; and~~

31    ~~(ii) is located within a plant, substation, or elsewhere.~~

~~(M) "PROVIDE LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES" MEANS TO DESIGN, INSTALL, ERECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, OR ALTER ANY ELECTRICAL WIRING, FIXTURE, APPLIANCE, APPARATUS, RACEWAY, OR CONDUIT THAT:~~

~~(1) FOR AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING, AMPLIFICATION, AND REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, IS OPERATED AT NOT MORE THAN 70 VOLTS NOMINAL OF ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL;~~

~~(2) RELATES TO FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; OR~~

~~(3) FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES, IS OPERATED AT NOT MORE THAN 50 VOLTS NOMINAL OF ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL.~~

~~[(j)] (N) "State Board" means the State Board of [Master] Electricians.~~

~~[(k)] (O) "State license" means a license that is issued by the State Board to [a master] AN electrician.~~

~~(P) (1) "VOLTS NOMINAL" MEANS, FOR ANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, THE STATED VOLTAGE MEASUREMENT AT WHICH THE EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE.~~

~~(2) "VOLTS NOMINAL" INCLUDES A RANGE OF ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL THAT FOR ANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS WITHIN 10 VOLTS BELOW AND 10 VOLTS ABOVE THE STATED VOLTAGE MEASUREMENT AT WHICH THE EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE.~~

~~6-102.~~

~~The [policy of the State] PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE is to [regulate, throughout the State, those persons who provide electrical services or engage in the business of providing] ESTABLISH A LICENSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING electrical services, IN ORDER to safeguard the life, health, property, and public welfare of the citizens of the State.~~

~~6-103.~~

~~(a) This title does not affect the right of any local jurisdiction of the State:~~

~~(1) to regulate LOCALLY the quality and character of work of a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services by establishing a system of licenses, permits, fees, and inspections designed to:~~

1                    ~~(i) ensure compliance with and implementation of State and local~~  
 2 ~~building laws; or~~

3                    ~~(ii) enforce other local laws protecting public health and safety;~~

4                    ~~(2) to require a person who engages in the business of providing electrical~~  
 5 ~~services to submit any plan or specification for approval before the electrical services are~~  
 6 ~~provided;~~

7                    ~~(3) to establish a local board TO:~~

8                    ~~(I) CARRY OUT ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;~~

9                    ~~(II) TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXCEPT FOR~~  
 10 ~~REVOCAION OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD, AGAINST THE HOLDER~~  
 11 ~~OF A LOCAL LICENSE OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT WHO VIOLATES ANY~~  
 12 ~~PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY LOCAL LAW; AND~~

13                    ~~(III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE STATE~~  
 14 ~~BOARD;~~

15                    ~~(4) except as provided in §§ 6-504 and 6-602 of this title AND SUBJECT~~  
 16 ~~TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, to require an examination before issuing a~~  
 17 ~~license to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction; or~~

18                    ~~(5) to collect, from a person who is licensed with a local board, fees for:~~

19                    ~~(i) an examination for a license to provide electrical services;~~

20                    ~~(ii) issuance and renewal of the license; or~~

21                    ~~(iii) an inspection.~~

22                    ~~(b) If a local jurisdiction licenses any class of electricians other than master~~  
 23 ~~electricians OR JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIANS, that class is also under the control and~~  
 24 ~~supervision of the local board.~~

25                    ~~(c) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,~~  
 26 ~~BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT ISSUE LICENSES FOR~~  
 27 ~~JOURNEYPerson, LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS.~~

28                    ~~(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSED~~  
 29 ~~JOURNEYPerson LEVEL, LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIANS~~  
 30 ~~BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, MAY CONTINUE TO ISSUE THE LICENSES ISSUED BEFORE~~

1 ~~JULY 1, 2020, IF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND~~  
2 ~~(E) OF THIS SECTION.~~

3 ~~(3) (i) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DID NOT LICENSE~~  
4 ~~JOURNEYPerson LEVEL, LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIANS~~  
5 ~~BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, MAY NOT LICENSE A JOURNEYPerson LEVEL,~~  
6 ~~LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIAN UNLESS IT APPLIES TO THE STATE~~  
7 ~~BOARD FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LICENSE JOURNEYPerson LEVEL, LOW VOLTAGE,~~  
8 ~~OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIANS LOCALLY.~~

9 ~~(ii) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES TO GOVERN~~  
10 ~~THE AUTHORIZATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ISSUE~~  
11 ~~LICENSES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

12 ~~(D) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION QUALIFIES TO CONTINUE LICENSING~~  
13 ~~JOURNEYPerson LEVEL, LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIANS~~  
14 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION OR RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION TO~~  
15 ~~LICENSE JOURNEYPerson LEVEL, LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL~~  
16 ~~ELECTRICIANS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD~~  
17 ~~SHALL ADMINISTER THE SAME EXAMINATION AS THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED~~  
18 ~~UNDER § 6-306 OF THIS TITLE.~~

19 ~~(E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR~~  
20 ~~THEREAFTER, A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSES JOURNEYPerson LEVEL,~~  
21 ~~LOW VOLTAGE, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIANS SHALL REPORT TO THE~~  
22 ~~DEPARTMENT:~~

23 ~~(1) EACH JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE~~  
24 ~~PREVIOUS YEAR;~~

25 ~~(2) EACH LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE~~  
26 ~~PREVIOUS YEAR;~~

27 ~~(3) EACH MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE PREVIOUS~~  
28 ~~YEAR;~~

29 ~~(4) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A JOURNEYPerson~~  
30 ~~ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;~~

31 ~~(5) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN~~  
32 ~~EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;~~

33 ~~(6) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN~~  
34 ~~EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND~~



~~(7) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.~~

~~[(e)] (F) This title may not be construed to waive any requirement of an ordinance or regulation that sets out the type of work to be performed by a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services as required under State or local building laws.~~

~~6-104.~~

~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR:~~

~~(1) A STATE APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND~~

~~(2) A STATE REGISTERED APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.~~

~~Subtitle 2. State Board of [Master] Electricians.~~

~~6-201.~~

~~There is a State Board of [Master] Electricians in the Department.~~

~~6-202.~~

~~(a) (1) The State Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

~~(2) Of the 9 members of the State Board:~~

~~(i) 6 shall be licensed master electricians; [and]~~

~~(ii) 1 SHALL BE AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR;~~

~~(iii) 1 SHALL BE A LICENSED LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN; AND~~

~~[(ii)] (iv) [3] 1 shall be A consumer [members] MEMBER.~~

~~(3) Of the 6 master electrician members:~~

~~(i) 1 shall be from Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties;~~

1                   (iii) ~~1 shall be from the area that consists of Baltimore, Cecil, and~~  
2 ~~Harford counties;~~

3                   (iv) ~~1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert,~~  
4 ~~Charles, PRINCE GEORGE'S, and St. Mary's counties;~~

5                   (v) ~~1 shall be from [the area that consists of] Montgomery [and~~  
6 ~~Prince George's counties] COUNTY; and~~

7                   (vi) ~~1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Carroll,~~  
8 ~~Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties;~~

9                   (4) ~~THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE~~  
10 ~~STATE AT LARGE.~~

11                   (5) ~~THE LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE~~  
12 ~~STATE AT LARGE.~~

13                   ~~[(4)] (6) The consumer [members] MEMBER shall be from the State at~~  
14 ~~large.~~

15                   ~~[(5)] (7) A member of the State Board may not reside in the same county~~  
16 ~~as another member.~~

17           (e) ~~Each master electrician member of the State Board shall:~~

18                   (1) ~~hold an active [State] AND CURRENT license UNDER THIS TITLE; and~~

19           (d) ~~[Each] THE consumer member of the State Board:~~

20                   (1) ~~shall be a member of the general public;~~

21                   (2) ~~may not be a licensee or otherwise be subject to regulation by the State~~  
22 ~~Board;~~

23                   (3) ~~may not be required to meet the qualifications for the professional~~  
24 ~~members of the State Board; and~~

25                   (4) ~~may not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a financial~~  
26 ~~interest in or have received compensation from a person regulated by the State Board.~~

27           (e) ~~While a member of the State Board, [a] THE consumer member may not:~~

28                   (1) ~~have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person~~  
29 ~~regulated by the State Board; or~~

~~(2) grade an examination given by or for the State Board.~~

~~(h) (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member shall be considered to have resigned if the member did not attend at least two thirds of the STATE Board meetings held during any consecutive 12-month period while the member was serving on the STATE Board.~~

~~6-205.~~

~~(A) In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, the State Board shall:~~

~~(1) twice a year hold a seminar and invite members from each local licensing jurisdiction to discuss any industry or licensing problems; [and]~~

~~(2) adopt regulations to establish:~~

~~(i) application and examination fees;~~

~~(ii) continuing education requirements; and~~

~~(iii) application deadlines;~~

~~(3) ENFORCE, WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF ISSUANCE, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ISSUED VERSION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 70: NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE;~~

~~(4) ISSUE LICENSES;~~

~~(5) KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND~~

~~(6) ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS TITLE.~~

~~(B) THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:~~

~~(1) BE BASED ON THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OR ANY LOCAL VARIANTS ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD;~~

~~(2) CONSIST OF A COURSE OR TRAINING ON PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES, INSTALLATION PROCEDURES, OR OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS; AND~~

~~(3) BE ADMINISTERED BY:~~

1 ~~(I) A COLLEGE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED~~  
 2 ~~BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL~~  
 3 ~~COMMITTEE ON APPRENTICESHIP;~~

4 ~~(II) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING~~  
 5 ~~PROGRAM; OR~~

6 ~~(III) ANOTHER PERSON APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.~~

7 ~~6-301.~~

8 ~~(a) Each county shall:~~

9 ~~(1) (I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to] THAT~~  
 10 ~~ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS UNDER § 6-304 of this subtitle,~~  
 11 ~~to provide for the licensing and regulation of master electricians OR JOURNEYPERSON~~  
 12 ~~ELECTRICIANS; AND~~

13 ~~(H) 1. APPLY TO AND RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE~~  
 14 ~~STATE BOARD TO LICENSE JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS OR MASTER~~  
 15 ~~ELECTRICIANS IF REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE; or~~

16 ~~2. CONTINUE ISSUING JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN~~  
 17 ~~OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES IF THE COUNTY QUALIFIES UNDER §~~  
 18 ~~6-103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE TO CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES; OR~~

19 ~~(2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a~~  
 20 ~~master electrician OR JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN; and~~

21 ~~(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.~~

22 ~~(b) Each municipal corporation shall:~~

23 ~~(1) (I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to, or~~  
 24 ~~more stringent than,] THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS~~  
 25 ~~UNDER § 6-304 of this subtitle to provide for the licensing and regulation of~~  
 26 ~~JOURNEYPERSON OR master electricians; AND~~

27 ~~(H) 1. APPLY TO AND RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE~~  
 28 ~~STATE BOARD TO LICENSE JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS OR MASTER~~  
 29 ~~ELECTRICIANS AS REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

1 ~~2. CONTINUE ISSUING JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN~~  
2 ~~OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES IF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION QUALIFIES~~  
3 ~~UNDER § 6-103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE TO CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES;~~

4 ~~(2) adopt the electrical rules and regulations of the county in which the~~  
5 ~~municipal corporation is located; or~~

6 ~~(3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a~~  
7 ~~JOURNEYPERSON OR master electrician; and~~

8 ~~(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.~~

9 ~~(e) Each licensed master electrician shall display the State license number [or],~~  
10 ~~the county license number, OR THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LICENSE NUMBER of the~~  
11 ~~licensee on each vehicle used on the job for providing electrical services.~~

12 ~~(d) A county or municipal corporation may not adopt a resolution or enact a law~~  
13 ~~that requires a person licensed under this subtitle who is compliant with subsection (e) of~~  
14 ~~this section to display additional license numbers on each vehicle used on the job for~~  
15 ~~providing electrical services.~~

16 ~~6-302.~~

17 ~~(a) In a local jurisdiction that requires a local license AND HAS QUALIFIED TO~~  
18 ~~CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES UNDER § 6-103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE OR~~  
19 ~~RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE,~~  
20 ~~the State license, while the State license is in effect, serves only as a mechanism that helps~~  
21 ~~a licensee in obtaining a local license under §§ 6-601 and 6-602 of this title.~~

22 ~~(b) If a county or municipal corporation does not require a local license, the State~~  
23 ~~license, while the State license is in effect, authorizes the licensee to:~~

24 ~~(1) provide electrical services [as a master electrician]; or~~

25 ~~(2) be the representative of another person who engages in the business of~~  
26 ~~providing electrical services.~~

27 ~~6-303.~~

28 ~~(a) This subtitle does not require an individual to hold a State license while the~~  
29 ~~individual provides LOW VOLTAGE electrical services as an employee or subordinate of a~~  
30 ~~[master] LOW VOLTAGE electrician licensed by the State Board if:~~

31 ~~(1) the individual provides electrical services while under the control and~~  
32 ~~supervision of the licensee; and~~

1           ~~(2) the licensee is responsible for the electrical services that the individual~~  
2 ~~provides.~~

3           ~~(b) This subtitle does not require:~~

4           ~~(1) a public utility company to employ [a master electrician] AN~~  
5 ~~ELECTRICIAN LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD to represent the company while the~~  
6 ~~company is engaging in the business of providing electrical services to a facility of the~~  
7 ~~company that:~~

8                   ~~(i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and~~

9                   ~~(ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right of way in which~~  
10 ~~the company has a lawful interest; [or]~~

11           ~~(2) an employee of a public utility company to hold a State license while~~  
12 ~~the employee provides electrical services to a facility of the company that:~~

13                   ~~(i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and~~

14                   ~~(ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right of way in which~~  
15 ~~the company has a lawful interest; OR~~

16           ~~(3) A PERSON TO HOLD A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD IF~~  
17 ~~THE PERSON:~~

18                   ~~(I) IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS~~  
19 ~~ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE~~  
20 ~~SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;~~

21                   ~~(II) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS~~  
22 ~~ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;~~

23                   ~~(III) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE~~  
24 ~~BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT~~  
25 ~~LICENSE; OR~~

26                   ~~(IV) PROVIDES WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEMS IN COMPLIANCE~~  
27 ~~WITH TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.~~

28 ~~6-304.~~

29           ~~(a) (1) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~  
30 ~~SUBSECTION, TO qualify for a State license, an applicant shall [be an individual who~~  
31 ~~meets] MEET the requirements of this section.~~

~~(2) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN ANY BUILDING THAT IS NOT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, AN APPLICANT SHALL RECEIVE A LEVEL II CERTIFICATE FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CERTIFICATION IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES IN FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.~~

~~(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, [the] AN applicant FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE shall have been engaged or employed regularly and principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and [apparatus] APPARATUSES for at least 7 years while under the direction and supervision of:~~

~~(i) a master electrician; or~~

~~(ii) a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit.~~

~~(2) The State Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years of credit toward the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the State Board determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.~~

~~(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF:~~

~~(1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR~~

~~(2) AN EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO IS SIMILARLY QUALIFIED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(D) AN APPLICANT FOR A LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS.~~

~~[(e)] (E) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.~~

~~[(d)] (F) The State Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.~~

1 ~~An applicant for a State license shall:~~

2 ~~(1) submit to the State Board an application on the form that the State~~  
3 ~~Board provides; and~~

4 ~~(2) pay to the State Board [or the State Board's designee an examination]~~  
5 ~~AN APPLICATION fee set by the STATE Board in an amount not to exceed the cost of the~~  
6 ~~required examination.~~

7 ~~6-306.~~

8 ~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in § 6-306.1 of this subtitle, an applicant who~~  
9 ~~otherwise qualifies for a State license is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.~~

10 ~~(b) The State Board shall give examinations to qualified applicants at least twice~~  
11 ~~a year, at the dates, times, and places that the State Board determines.~~

12 ~~(c) (1) At least 15 days before the examination, the State Board shall notify~~  
13 ~~each applicant whether the applicant is eligible to be examined under this section.~~

14 ~~(2) The notice shall specify the passing score for [the examination]~~  
15 ~~EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

16 ~~(d) (1) The State Board shall determine the subjects [and], scope, AND,~~  
17 ~~SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FORM of the examination from a list of~~  
18 ~~questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination~~  
19 ~~Committee, Inc.~~

20 ~~(2) The State Board shall choose examination questions that:~~

21 ~~(i) test the applicant's knowledge of all applicable codes, laws, or~~  
22 ~~principles of electrical installation; and~~

23 ~~(ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for a~~  
24 ~~State license.~~

25 ~~(3) The State Board may appoint a committee to develop examination~~  
26 ~~questions FOR EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

27 ~~(e) The form of [the] EACH examination shall be objective and written.~~

28 ~~(f) The passing score for [the] EACH examination shall be 70%.~~



~~(G) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE BOARD'S DESIGNEE AN EXAMINATION FEE SET BY THE STATE BOARD NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.~~

~~[(g)] (H) Within 45 days after the examination, the State Board shall mail or electronically transmit to each applicant notice of the applicant's examination score.~~

~~[(h)] (I) On written request to the State Board, an applicant who failed an examination may review the answers that the applicant gave and the scores for those answers, at a time and place that the State Board determines.~~

~~[(i)] (J) (1) If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled examination, the applicant may reapply for an examination.~~

~~(2) The applicant:~~

~~(i) shall submit to the State Board an application for reexamination on the form that the State Board provides; and~~

~~(ii) unless, for good cause, the State Board waives payment of the examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under [§ 6-305] SUBSECTION (G) of this [subtitle] SECTION.~~

~~6-306.1.~~

~~(a) (1) The State Board may use a testing service to administer the examinations given under this title.~~

~~(2) A LOCAL BOARD MAY APPLY TO BE A TESTING SERVICE.~~

~~(b) If the State Board uses a testing service, the testing service, subject to the requirements set by the State Board, may:~~

~~(1) set the time and place of examinations;~~

~~(2) give qualified applicants notice of the time and place of examinations;~~  
and

~~(3) furnish any other information that the State Board may require the testing service to provide.~~

~~6-307.~~

~~(a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the State Board shall waive [the] ANY examination requirements of this [subtitle] TITLE for an individual who:~~

1           ~~(1) holds [a] AN ACTIVE local JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN,~~  
2 ~~LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN, OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN license; AND~~

3           ~~(2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE BOARD~~  
4 ~~ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021.~~

5           ~~(b) The State Board shall grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:~~

6           ~~(1) pays the application fee established by the STATE Board under [§~~  
7 ~~6-205] § 6-305 of this [title] SUBTITLE;~~

8           ~~(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:~~

9           ~~(i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]~~  
10 ~~TITLE; and~~

11           ~~(ii) [is] WAS licensed in a local jurisdiction BEFORE DECEMBER 31,~~  
12 ~~2021, after:~~

13           ~~1. passing, in that local jurisdiction, an examination that is~~  
14 ~~equivalent to the examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver; and~~

15           ~~2. meeting, in that local jurisdiction, requirements that are~~  
16 ~~equivalent to the licensing requirements of this [subtitle] TITLE; and~~

17           ~~(3) submits a statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:~~

18           ~~(i) the applicant is in good standing with the local jurisdiction;~~

19           ~~(ii) the applicant obtained the local license by taking an examination~~  
20 ~~equivalent to [the] ANY examination given by the State Board; and~~

21           ~~(iii) the date of the local examination.~~

22           ~~(e) An initial State license that is obtained under this section may not be~~  
23 ~~reinstated unless the requirements of § 6-312 of this subtitle are met.~~

24 ~~6-307.1.~~

25           ~~(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS~~  
26 ~~FOR AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE IF THE~~  
27 ~~APPLICANT:~~

28           ~~(1) (i) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 7 YEARS OF WORK~~  
29 ~~EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES; AND~~

1 ~~(H) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE~~  
2 ~~BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021; OR~~

3 ~~(2) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS~~  
4 ~~SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM~~  
5 ~~APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE~~  
6 ~~FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP THAT CONSISTS OF:~~

7 ~~(I) AT LEAST 576 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND~~

8 ~~(H) 8,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.~~

9 ~~(B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE AND EXAMINATION~~  
10 ~~REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE~~  
11 ~~IF THE APPLICANT:~~

12 ~~(1) (I) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 3 YEARS OF WORK~~  
13 ~~EXPERIENCE PROVIDING LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES; AND~~

14 ~~(H) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE~~  
15 ~~BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021; OR~~

16 ~~(2) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS~~  
17 ~~SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP~~  
18 ~~PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING~~  
19 ~~COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP THAT CONSISTS OF AT~~  
20 ~~LEAST:~~

21 ~~(I) 432 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND~~

22 ~~(H) 6,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.~~

23 ~~6-308.~~

24 ~~(a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a~~  
25 ~~majority of the authorized membership of the State Board, the State Board may waive the~~  
26 ~~examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to provide~~  
27 ~~electrical services as a master electrician, LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN, OR~~  
28 ~~JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN in another state.~~

29 ~~(b) The State Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:~~

30 ~~(1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the Board under [§ 6-205(2)]~~  
31 ~~§ 6-305 of this [title] SUBTITLE; and~~

- 1           ~~(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:~~
- 2                   ~~(i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]~~  
3 ~~TITLE;~~
- 4                   ~~(ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;~~
- 5                   ~~(iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the [State] license ISSUED~~  
6 ~~BY THE STATE BOARD; [and]~~
- 7                   ~~(iv) FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT, meets a~~  
8 ~~7-year experience requirement in providing electrical services, at least 4 years of which~~  
9 ~~must have been gained prior to licensure in the other state, while under the supervision of~~  
10 ~~a master electrician or similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit;~~
- 11                   ~~(v) FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE~~  
12 ~~APPLICANT, MEETS A 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN PROVIDING~~  
13 ~~ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN GAINED~~  
14 ~~PRIOR TO LICENSURE IN THE OTHER STATE, WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A~~  
15 ~~MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL~~  
16 ~~UNIT;~~
- 17                   ~~(vi) FOR A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT,~~  
18 ~~HAS BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING~~  
19 ~~LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL~~  
20 ~~EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS; AND~~
- 21                   ~~(vii) WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE BY EXAMINATION,~~  
22 ~~AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY~~  
23 ~~EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.~~
- 24           ~~(e) The State Board may grant a waiver only if the state in which the applicant~~  
25 ~~is licensed waives the examination of licensees of this State to a similar extent as this State~~  
26 ~~waives the examination requirements for individuals licensed in that state.~~
- 27           ~~[(d) The Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years credit toward the experience~~  
28 ~~required under subsection (b)(2) of this section, if the State Board determines that the~~  
29 ~~applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical~~  
30 ~~installation comparable to the required experience.]~~
- 31           ~~(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION TO~~  
32 ~~AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED SOLELY IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED~~  
33 ~~STATES.~~

1 ~~(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE A POLICY OF RECIPROCAL~~  
2 ~~RECOGNITION OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSES AWARDED IN OTHER STATES.~~

3 ~~6-310.~~

4 ~~(e) Before a State license expires, the State licensee periodically may renew it for~~  
5 ~~an additional 2-year term, if the State licensee:~~

6 ~~(4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the~~  
7 ~~State Board provides AND ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE~~  
8 ~~CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ESTABLISHED BY~~  
9 ~~THE STATE BOARD.~~

10 ~~(e) A State license to provide OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING electrical services is not~~  
11 ~~transferable.~~

12 ~~6-311.~~

13 ~~(b) The State Board shall place an applicant for an initial State license on inactive~~  
14 ~~status and issue an inactive status certificate to the applicant, if the applicant:~~

15 ~~(2) pays to the State Board an inactive status application fee [of an amount~~  
16 ~~equal to the State license fee under § 6-300 of this subtitle] SET BY THE STATE BOARD;~~  
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~(3) except for the CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF §~~  
19 ~~6-310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE insurance requirements of § 6-604 of this title,~~  
20 ~~qualifies for an active State license.~~

21 ~~(e) (1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN licensee on inactive status may not use a~~  
22 ~~State license to obtain a local license for providing electrical services as a master electrician~~  
23 ~~in a local jurisdiction of the State.~~

24 ~~(2) In a county that requires a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license, a~~  
25 ~~licensee on inactive status may not provide electrical services as a master electrician.~~

26 ~~(d) (1) Unless the individual applies for another 2-year term as provided in~~  
27 ~~this subsection, an individual on inactive status loses that status [on the first June 30 that~~  
28 ~~comes:~~

29 ~~(i) after the inactive status registration certificate is issued to the~~  
30 ~~licensee; and~~

31 ~~(ii) in an odd-numbered year] ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE~~  
32 ~~INACTIVE STATUS.~~

1 ~~6-312.~~

2 (a) ~~The State Board shall reinstate the State license of [a master electrician] AN~~  
3 ~~INDIVIDUAL who is not on inactive status and who has failed to renew the State license for~~  
4 ~~any reason, if the [master electrician] INDIVIDUAL:~~

5 (1) ~~applies to the State Board for reinstatement within 2 years after the~~  
6 ~~State license expires;~~

7 (2) ~~meets the renewal requirements of § 6-310 of this subtitle; and~~

8 (3) ~~in addition to the renewal fee required under § 6-310 of this subtitle,~~  
9 ~~pays to the State Board a reinstatement fee set by the State Board.~~

10 (b) ~~If [a master electrician] AN INDIVIDUAL who has failed to renew the State~~  
11 ~~license for any reason applies for reinstatement more than 2 years after the State license~~  
12 ~~has expired, the State Board shall require the [master electrician] INDIVIDUAL to pay a~~  
13 ~~reinstatement fee set by the State Board, and comply with the requirements for obtaining~~  
14 ~~a State license under §§ 6-304 and 6-307 of this subtitle and § 6-503 of this title.~~

15 ~~6-315.~~

16 ~~The State Board may investigate or act in a disciplinary proceeding against a~~  
17 ~~[licensed master electrician] LICENSEE notwithstanding:~~

18 (1) ~~a lapse, by operation of law, of the State license of the [master~~  
19 ~~electrician] LICENSEE;~~

20 (2) ~~a suspension of the State license of the [master electrician] LICENSEE~~  
21 ~~by order of the State Board or a court; or~~

22 (3) ~~a voluntary surrender of the State license of the [master electrician]~~  
23 ~~LICENSEE to the State Board.~~

24 ~~6-316.~~

25 (a) ~~Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6-317 of this subtitle, the State Board~~  
26 ~~may deny a State license to any applicant, reprimand any State licensee, or suspend or~~  
27 ~~revoke a State license if the applicant or State licensee:~~

28 (1) ~~fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a State license~~  
29 ~~for the applicant, State licensee, or another person;~~

30 (2) ~~fraudulently or deceptively uses a State license;~~

31 (3) ~~transfers the authority granted by a State license to another person;~~

1           ~~(4) engages in an unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in § 13-301~~  
2 ~~of the Commercial Law Article;~~

3           ~~(5) willfully or deliberately disregards and violates a building code,~~  
4 ~~electrical code, or law of the State or a local jurisdiction;~~

5           ~~(6) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:~~

6                   ~~(i) a felony; or~~

7                   ~~(ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and~~  
8 ~~qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;~~

9           ~~(7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title;~~

10           ~~(8) willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a local~~  
11 ~~jurisdiction **AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF**~~  
12 ~~**ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**~~

13           ~~(9) fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title;~~

14           ~~(10) fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the~~  
15 ~~supervision of the State licensee, sells or estimates electrical work **OR PROVIDES OR**~~  
16 ~~**ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**~~  
17 ~~**SERVICES;**~~

18           ~~(11) fails to maintain a local license, **IF REQUIRED,** under § 6-601 of this~~  
19 ~~title; **[or]**~~

20           ~~(12) fails to maintain the general liability and property damage insurance~~  
21 ~~required under § 6-604 of this title;~~

22           ~~**(13) OFFERS OR PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE**~~  
23 ~~**ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE HELD BY THE**~~  
24 ~~**LICENSEE;**~~

25           ~~**(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE EMPLOYED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO**~~  
26 ~~**PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES**~~  
27 ~~**OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE;**~~

28           ~~**(15) WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, FAILS TO PERFORM A CONTRACT OR**~~  
29 ~~**ABANDONS A PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE**~~  
30 ~~**ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**~~

~~(16) PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT ARE INADEQUATE OR INCOMPLETE, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT OR A PROJECT;~~

~~(17) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PUBLISHES AN ADVERTISEMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT CONTAINS A REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT THAT IS FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING;~~

~~(18) CERTIFIES ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE RENEWAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED IF THE LICENSEE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED;~~

~~(19) VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

~~(20) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(b) Allowing a State license to be used by another person is, in a disciplinary proceeding under this section, prima facie evidence that a State licensee transferred the authority granted by a State license to another person.~~

~~(c) The STATE Board shall consider the following facts in the granting, denial, renewal, suspension, or revocation of a State license or the reprimand of a State licensee when an applicant or State licensee is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in subsection (a)(6) of this section:~~

~~(1) the nature of the crime;~~

~~(2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the State license;~~

~~(3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the fitness and qualification of the applicant or State licensee to provide electrical services;~~

~~(4) the length of time since the conviction; and~~

~~(5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or State licensee before and after the conviction.~~

~~(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A LOCAL BOARD TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL LICENSE OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT IN THAT JURISDICTION UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE.~~



1 ~~6-319.~~

2       ~~(e) If [a State license is suspended,] the State Board, AFTER A HEARING,~~  
3 ~~SUSPENDS A LICENSE, THE STATE BOARD~~ may allow the licensee to complete a contract  
4 ~~to provide electrical services that is in progress and uncompleted at the time of suspension.~~

5       ~~(d) (1) If a State license is revoked, the State Board may reinstate the State~~  
6 ~~license after NOT LESS THAN 1 year.~~

7 ~~6-321.~~

8       ~~(a) (2) When the State Board receives notice of a local disciplinary action~~  
9 ~~against a licensed [master] electrician, the State Board shall provide notice of the~~  
10 ~~disciplinary action to each local licensing jurisdiction.~~

11       ~~(b) Each local licensing jurisdiction shall submit a report to the State Board on~~  
12 ~~the number of complaints against [master] electricians licensed in the local jurisdiction on~~  
13 ~~or before December 1 of each year.~~

14 ~~6-401.~~

15       ~~(a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a State~~  
16 ~~MASTER ELECTRICIAN license or qualifies for a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license may~~  
17 ~~use the State license to:~~

18           ~~(1) obtain a local license; and~~

19           ~~(2) assign that local license to another person, IF AUTHORIZED BY THAT~~  
20 ~~LOCAL JURISDICTION, including a sole proprietorship, who engages in the business of~~  
21 ~~providing electrical services.~~

22       ~~(b) (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a State~~  
23 ~~license on the basis of a local license under Subtitle 5 of this title and that local license has~~  
24 ~~been assigned to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the~~  
25 ~~individual shall identify on the State license the person to whom that local license has been~~  
26 ~~assigned.~~

27           ~~(2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a local~~  
28 ~~license on the basis of a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license and intends to assign that~~  
29 ~~local license to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the~~  
30 ~~individual shall identify on the State license the person to whom that local license is to be~~  
31 ~~assigned.~~

1 ~~(e) (1) If, at the time of application for a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license,~~  
 2 ~~an individual intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the State license, the~~  
 3 ~~individual shall:~~

4 ~~(i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §~~  
 5 ~~6-309 of this title;~~

6 ~~(ii) include, on the application form submitted to the State Board,~~  
 7 ~~the name of the person to whom the local license is to be assigned;~~

8 ~~(iii) pay the appropriate State license fee under § 6-309 of this title;~~  
 9 ~~and~~

10 ~~(iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property~~  
 11 ~~damage insurance as required under § 6-604 of this title.~~

12 ~~(2) If an individual obtains a State license on the basis of a local license~~  
 13 ~~that has been assigned, the individual shall:~~

14 ~~(i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §~~  
 15 ~~6-309 of this title;~~

16 ~~(ii) include, on an application form submitted to the State Board, the~~  
 17 ~~name of the person to whom the local license has been assigned;~~

18 ~~(iii) pay the appropriate State license fee under § 6-309 of this title;~~  
 19 ~~and~~

20 ~~(iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property~~  
 21 ~~damage insurance, IF APPLICABLE, as required under § 6-604 of this title.~~

22 ~~(3) If, after issuance of a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license to an~~  
 23 ~~individual, the individual intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the State~~  
 24 ~~MASTER ELECTRICIAN license, the individual shall:~~

25 ~~(i) meet the notification requirements of § 6-314 of this title;~~

26 ~~(ii) submit to the State Board an application for identification of the~~  
 27 ~~assignment on the State license;~~

28 ~~(iii) pay to the State Board an identification fee set by the State~~  
 29 ~~Board;~~

30 ~~(iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property~~  
 31 ~~damage insurance as required under § 6-604 of this title; and~~

32 ~~(v) return the State license.~~

1           ~~(d) (1) If an individual obtains a local license by the use of the State MASTER~~  
2 ~~ELECTRICIAN license of the individual, the local license may be assigned at any 1 time to~~  
3 ~~only 1 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services.~~

4           ~~(2) If at any time an individual holds 2 or more current local licenses that~~  
5 ~~were obtained by the use of a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license, the individual may~~  
6 ~~assign those local licenses only if the assignment is made to the same person.~~

7 ~~6-601.~~

8           ~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT HAS~~  
9 ~~APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER LOCAL MASTER OR~~  
10 ~~JOURNEYPERSON LICENSES UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE.~~

11           ~~(B) Within 60 days after the issuance of a State license to an individual, the~~  
12 ~~individual shall hold a local license issued by the local jurisdiction where the individual:~~

13           ~~(1) resides;~~

14           ~~(2) has a principal business office; or~~

15           ~~(3) has a resident agent.~~

16 ~~6-602.~~

17           ~~(a) Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive its~~  
18 ~~examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the State Board to provide~~  
19 ~~electrical services [as a master electrician].~~

20           ~~(b) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section only if the~~  
21 ~~applicant:~~

22           ~~(1) pays any license fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and~~

23           ~~(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:~~

24           ~~(i) is licensed as [a master] AN electrician under this title [after~~  
25 ~~passing an examination given by the State Board or complies with § 6-307 of this title];~~

26           ~~(ii) holds an active State license; and~~

27           ~~(iii) in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction, meets the~~  
28 ~~insurance requirements of § 6-604 of this subtitle.~~

1 ~~(e) Within 10 working days after payment of any local license fee, a local~~  
2 ~~jurisdiction shall issue a local license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this~~  
3 ~~section.~~

4 ~~6-603.~~

5 ~~(a) [A master] AN electrician may obtain an electrical permit, A LOW VOLTAGE~~  
6 ~~ELECTRICAL PERMIT, or any other similar permit from a local jurisdiction, if the [master]~~  
7 ~~electrician:~~

8 ~~(1) holds an active local license, if required, or a State license;~~

9 ~~(2) shows proof of the State license; and~~

10 ~~(3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires.~~

11 ~~(b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit, A LOW VOLTAGE~~  
12 ~~ELECTRICAL PERMIT, or similar permit to [a master] AN electrician under this section,~~  
13 ~~the local jurisdiction shall give the [master] electrician notice of any local electrical~~  
14 ~~requirements with which the [master] electrician shall comply while providing electrical~~  
15 ~~services OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES in that local jurisdiction.~~

16 ~~(e) On payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local~~  
17 ~~jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the~~  
18 ~~requirements of this section.~~

19 ~~6-604.~~

20 ~~(a) This section does not apply to a State licensee on inactive status OR A~~  
21 ~~LICENSED LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS PROVIDING LOW VOLTAGE~~  
22 ~~ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED~~  
23 ~~MASTER ELECTRICIAN.~~

24 ~~(b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical~~  
25 ~~services, A LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD~~  
26 ~~AND PROVIDES LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES, or a person to whom [the] A~~  
27 ~~master electrician LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD assigns a local license under this~~  
28 ~~title shall:~~

29 ~~(1) maintain general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000;~~

30 ~~(2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least~~  
31 ~~\$100,000; and~~

32 ~~(3) submit proof of the required insurance to the State Board.~~

1 ~~6-605.~~

2 ~~A licensed master electrician or a person to whom a master electrician assigns a local~~  
3 ~~license may employ an individual who is not a licensed master electrician under this title~~  
4 ~~to provide electrical services if the individual provides the services only while under the~~  
5 ~~supervision and control of a licensed master electrician.]~~

6 ~~6-605.~~

7 ~~(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT~~  
8 ~~EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL~~  
9 ~~SERVICES UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL:~~

10 ~~(1) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;~~  
11 ~~OR~~

12 ~~(2) (i) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON~~  
13 ~~ELECTRICIAN; AND~~

14 ~~(ii) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL~~  
15 ~~SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE.~~

16 ~~(B) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON~~  
17 ~~ELECTRICIAN SHALL BE PRESENT AT EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL~~  
18 ~~SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.~~

19 ~~(C) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYPERSON~~  
20 ~~ELECTRICIAN, OR LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS PROPERLY CERTIFIED~~  
21 ~~SHALL BE PRESENT, OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE, AT~~  
22 ~~EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL SERVICES ON FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS ARE~~  
23 ~~PROVIDED.~~

24 ~~6-606.~~

25 ~~(A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S~~  
26 ~~LICENSE AND THE LICENSE NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF~~  
27 ~~BUSINESS OF THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN.~~

28 ~~(B) A LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE STATE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY~~  
29 ~~CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT FROM WHAT APPEARS ON THE~~  
30 ~~CURRENT LICENSE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS TO TAKE~~  
31 ~~EFFECT.~~

32 ~~6-607.~~

~~EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:~~

~~(1) PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;~~

~~(2) ASSIST, ATTEMPT TO ASSIST, OR OFFER TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;~~

~~(3) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SUCH SERVICES IF REQUIRED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION;~~  
~~OR~~

~~(4) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~6-608.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICER" INCLUDES A SUPERINTENDENT, A MANAGER, OR AN AGENT OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE BUSINESS ENTITY ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.~~

~~(B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN OFFICER, WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:~~

~~(1) ON A FIRST CONVICTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000; AND~~

~~(2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.~~

~~(C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 6-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.~~

~~(D) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION.~~

~~(2) IN DETERMINING THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:~~

- 1                    ~~(I) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;~~
- 2                    ~~(II) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;~~
- 3                    ~~(III) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR;~~
- 4                    ~~(IV) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND~~
- 5                    ~~(V) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.~~

6                    ~~(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER~~  
 7 ~~SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.~~

8 ~~6-701.~~

9                    ~~This title may be cited as the "Maryland [Master] Electricians Act".~~

10                   ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of~~  
 11 ~~Electricians shall provide notice to each local board in the State of the provisions of this Act~~  
 12 ~~and the effect this Act will have on electricians licensed by local boards, including~~  
 13 ~~information regarding how electricians with local licenses may obtain licenses issued by~~  
 14 ~~the Board.~~

15                   ~~SECTION 2.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 16 July 1, 2020.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_ Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_ President of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Speaker of the House of Delegates.